The Man Who Will Succeed.

Then there is the man who jumps aboard

bring about the desired end. And the stu-

Returning to the Penn avenue car: By

One of Bouquereau's Angels.

wants to get off. The conductor stands on

your feet to peer out the window to see it

sight. But, then, you do not care to sit. Ambition, patience and the nice 10 cent

shine on your shoes are all gone. You wait irritably for the end.

On the I ifth Avenue Line,

On the 'In" trip I took the Pittsburg

traction, or Fifth avenue line. Not nearly

so many mill and factory workers travel on this line as the other, and as a rule the cars

are not nearly so crowded, but the charac-

ter of the passengers, from a street car point

derdecken, the Flying Dutchman, is said to

The car was fairly well-filled when three

fashionably dressed young ladies, accom-panied by a young man, boarded it. There

was a confusive chatter; they all wanted to

talk at once, but the quartet made a bee-

line for the vacant space in the front of the

car. There is another strange thing. Give

any number of ladies, say from two to ten,

a male attendant, and they will go to any

part of the car, but the single one will simply enter, and wait until

colored jacket was buttoned tightly and

turned up at the white shapely throat, for the air was rather keen. The pretty brown

hair had been coiled up under the cloth hat, but sprays of it had been loosened by the

wind and were now playing lightly about

the little pink cars. She was young and

A Very Agreeable Surprise,

I did not notice all these good points when she first came in. A side glance at the door gave me but a glimpse of temale

drapery and the first thought concerned my seat, for the car was filled. There were

"Don't rise. There is room enough for

one side, this young dream sat down very comfortably. She had a small package which was laid in her lap, with a dainty little pat or two as if it contained some

living thing, then she smoothed her gloves,

produced a five-cent piece and was ready for

Here was a study. Interest in the news-

paper was gone. Contemplation of the profile revealed all the charms previously

referred to. On the bosom of the little

brown jacket was a spray of chryssanthemums, yellow and white. The

face catches the reflection of the

first color. It lights with a golden thread the outline of the face and gives the

deep blue eyes a shade of green. It is not

fancy that likens that face to one of Bou-

guereau's angels. But the Oakland power house is reached and I leave the car.

In the City of Pretty Girls.

girls. One wonders where they all come from. At 5 or 6 o'clock in the evening al-

most every seat in the car is filled by a nice

indeed. The majority do care and would yield up, not one, but many drachmas, if they could gain but one look of sweet rec-

ognition from the prettiest girl in the car.

And so the stream of humanity is moved

to and fro every day. Who can estimate

the many and mixed emotions that are car-

ried on one street-car in a day? What pas-

sions, sorrows, joys, sufferings are hidden behind the composite street-car tace?

Does Death Ride the Street Car?

By the way, the danger of cable and trac-

tion cars is often discussed; will somebody

furnish data to prove the street car more

dangerous than the steam car? Where is

is not as great, if not greater than on Pitts-burg street car lines since the introduction

The only wonder is that accidents are not

always swarming with humanity.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24, 1832.

And sure enough, when I moved to

pretty, not beautiful.

atreet car-for a man.

The most remarkable and extraordinary degree of professional boxing has been reached during the week just ended. Two lightweight fighters have been offered a purse of \$45,000 to box for at the Coney Island Athletic Club. This certainly eclipses everything in the annals of boxing or pugilistic history. The contestants are to be Burge, the English champion, and Jack McAuliffe. A purse of \$45,000 must almost bewilder Burge, who comes from a country where 45 sovereigns is a big stake, in fact, it must astonish the whole of England to know that a purse of £9,000 is offered for their representative to fight for. Why, that is more than all the old-timers

fought for put together. So much the better for Burge and Me-Auliffe that the Athletic clubs are forcing each other to bid beyond all reasonable limits; so much the better for the two men I say, but so much the worse for the sport. It is invariably true that extremes beget extremes, and that reaction follows an abnormal condition. It will be true in this boxing club business. No two men are worth a \$45,000 purse, and a glove contest pin about the game.

between Burge and McAulifle or any other An interesting feature of the local club two persons is not worth the admission fees necessary to make up the \$45,000. This big purse business cannot be maintained, and purse business cannot be maintained, and the power and authority there have been granted Mr. Buckenberger. A few days ago it was stated in this paper that he is to have full and absolute control of the team; when the \$5,000, even \$10,000 purses are again resorted to there will be compara-

tively little attraction about them. True, the Concy Island Club was in a sense compelled to make this extraordinary The club is in the market, and had alrendy lost one contest for which it offered \$45,000, viz., the Hall and Fitzsimmons affair. The same people who got the pair of Australians from the C. I. A. C. looked like getting Burge and McAuliffe. To put a "clincher" on the event the Eastern club made the offer mentioned, and then the New Orleans parties withdrew. It simply means that if the Coney Island Club is to be in the business it is determined to fight to the finish. This big purse business team cannot be run successfully under the is a fighting to a finish, and 12 months from plan in question, it cannot be made a suc-

But those big purses more than ever show that the primary object of these so-called athletic clubs is only to have fights and make money by them. I am not going to argue whether or not this is right or wrong, but I do emphatically contend that the ordinary objects of an athletic club have ger's account. I cannot help that nothing to do with these big latter-day institutions. It may be well for the public to bear this in mind so as not to confuse clubs like the Coney Island Club with athletic clubs that have for their object only the physical development of their members. General Remarks About Boxers.

We have commenced the last week of the year, and there are two or three contests between bexers of good standing in their class. Plimmer is to meet McGrath in the East, and Van Heest is to meet "Sol" Smith in the West. I had intended to sav nothing about these contests, because the unjority of people who take an interest in being will know that the chances are strongly in favor of Plimmer defeating Me-Grath and of Van Heest defesting Smith. The last named is a good little man, I admit, but he has hardly done sufficient to lead me to think he is as good as Van Heest.

Arrangements are being made for what esting in many respects. If they fight and that I expect Gibbons to win. I have seen | thought the price could not by compare them, I fail to see how Myer can got for the horse and this caused something defeat Gibbons. The latter has improved like a sensation. since he met McAulifie. The manner in Many reasons are given for the low price, which he defeated Bowen proved that the One is that the horse's records are not likely truth is, I have a notion, that Myer is not the class of boxer or fighter that we have been rumor of this kind was sure to lave some made that famous draw with McAuliffe.

a man for Johany Griffen. A fest days ago it looked as it an opponent had been secured family, of London, however, are wise in their day and generation. The youngster There is not less interest in the trotting here except he got nearly more for a losing | the truth is there is more interest than ever. battle than he can get in England for a winming one. I don't blame the Baxters, bese I am inclined to think that in coming | demand. here to fight Griffen William would be coming to sure deleat. Baxter is a handy little tellow, but it may not be wide of the mark to say that more little mea in Amerien than Griffen can defeat him.

More About Hall and Fitzsimmons Quite a number of letters have reached this office recently asking questions relative to the battle in Australia between Hall and Fitzsimmons. All the writers want to know who won it. Before answering, a few words of explanation are neces-

Fitzsimmons some time ago declared to me that he and Hall needed money and that he agreed to meet Hall in a fight and Fitzsimmons was to resilow Hail to win. Fitzsimmons was to receive \$75 or £15. Fitzsimmons carried out his promise and Hall was declared the winner. But Fitzsimmons did not receive his money and hence the alleged bad feeling between the two.

On the other hand Hall declares that arrangements were made for him to win, but that Fitzsimmons tried to win and could not. Hall further states that Fitzsimmons was fairly beaten, and that is the reason he did not get any money. The answer to the above referred to then, is that Hall defeated Fitzsimmons in Australia. but whether in a bona fide fashion or not

If these two men would meet and contest honestly the probability is that they would make the best battle that has taken place for many years. I am inclined to think that Hall is far beyond ordinary merit, and he has many advantages over Fitzeimmons that we must not overlook. It is also true that Fitzsimmons is a good man, but he has not in this country proven that he is a won-

## deriul man. The Championship Controversy.

Nothing new has transpired in the boxing championship controversy, as Corbett emphatically declines to make a match to fight anybody. Goddard has a substantial torfeit up and Corbett ignores it. This in all fairness ought to give Goddard the title, at least it ought to take it from Corbett, that is, if he has any title at all. Several authorities claim that Goddard is now the legitimate champion boxer of the country,

States is not much credit to us.

Speaking of the heavy-weight championship matter reminds me once more that we have more champions than we can almost find places for. If the customary scale of weights is to be recognized we have few real champions. I do not know of any other scale—that is, professional—than the old one. According to it the featherweight limit is 112 pounds, yet we have Dixon and others fighting for the featherweight championship at 117 pounds and Griffen even wants to fight for it at 120

According to the recognized scale the lightweight limit is 133 pounds, and yet we never have so-called lightweight champions

fighting at that weight. There has been a better observance of the middle-weight better observance of the middle-weight limit, but generally speaking the whole thing has been a larce. A man is either a champion of his class or not; if he is, he must not be heavier than the limits of that class. That's all there is about it.

It is easy to understand how the limits of weight have been encroached on. This latter day boxing with its clubs to make money; scheming managers who only care about getting the public's dollars, and do not care a rap about the status of boxing; in short, the new conditions consequent on this money making boxing business have introduced a laxity about rules that has made things ridiculous. Really, I fail to see why a man should be called a champion at all if he cannot get to legitimate weight. It he cannot get to feather weight he ought to be classed a lightweight, and the same in other classes. But by all means there should be a fair and uniform system.

Local Baseball Matters.

Locally speaking, very few people have anything to say about baseball. When next April comes round there may be some evi-dence of the national game's popularity here, but at present there is hardly an indi-cation of any kind, that anybody cares a cation of any kind that anybody cares a

he has to shape and carry out the policy the club; no power is to be higher than his. In short, Mr. Buckenberger is to be next year what Mr. Temple has been this year. Of course there are people who doubt this new arrangement, that is, they believe that Mr. Buckenberger will not be allowed to go unfettered. This is mere con jecture. What we must accept as true for the present is the statement of Mr. Temple himself, and he says that the new President is to be the only power in the club. It remains to be seen whether or not this ar-

rangement is to be continued. In my way of thinking, the arrange-ment is a good one. It the club and its now many of the stockholders of the clubs cess at all. The fact that Mr. Buckenber will know it. at all times have a great influence on the players. This is a very important consideration. The players have a great respect for their manager, and it is safe to say that they will do everything in their power to make the club a success on Mr. Buckenbertional League and an American Associa-tion. If this expectation is realized Mr. Buckenberger will be in a good position to take a good team into the National League.

A patron of the game asked me the other day: "What will be the result if the clubs start out by losing money next season?"
That is a very vital question, and I venture to say that as far as the local club is cerned it will be very diastrous if the startoff is a losing one. There is difficulty now in collecting assessments, and most assuredly there will be much greater difficulty in collecting them next May or June. There is plenty of general baseball talk about the proposed changes in the rules. Amid all this talk it is quite apparent that

there is a very strong opposition to the no-tion of making the diamond bigger, The Sale of Stamboul. One of the big events of the week has promises to be a good contest. I refer to been the sale of Stamboul, the famous trotthe proposition to have a contest between ting stallion. The sale was a disappointbeen the sale of Stamboul, the famous trot-Austin Gibbons and Billy Myer. A con-test between these two men should be inter-terest in trotting horses. Some people had expected that the horse would realize more all being well I can say at this early date than \$100,000; a vast number of people both men in front of McAulifle, and as I be below \$70,000. But only \$41,000 were

led to believe. There must have been effect, but not as much as some people claim. something sadly wrong somewhere when he | The great cause of the low price is the general decline in prices for all kinds of trotting Clubs are having a hard time of it finding stock. There is more stock now of a firstaman for Johany Griffen. A few days ago class kind than there is a demand for. The number of horses of remarkable sneed is infor the Braintree hero in the person of William Baxter, of England. The Baxter this, and just as sure as the number is getcreasing every year. The public sales show ting larger the prices are getting smaller. of their family was not allowed to come horse now than there was a few years ago But there are more horses: they have grown in numbers more rapidly than the public

> We mustn't overlook the fact there is also an increasing interest in the running horse of this country. While public interest in the trotter is greater than ever, it is a fact that public interest in the runner is not only increasing, but it is increasing at a more rapid rate than the interest in the

> Still the price paid for Stamboul was a still the price paid for Stamboul was a cod one. It is not very long ago when the price of \$41,000 for a trotting horse would have startled the world. Now it is considered small. It would seem that those extra-ordinary prices paid recently for trotters have tended to work injury. They prompted breeders to rear more horses than ever and a a natural result they have overstocked their business.

Proposed Sculling Championship Contest It has been definitely arranged to a race early next year for the sculling championship of the United States and Canada. We have no champion now and the idea is to have a contest in which all the leading scullers in this country and Canada can compete. The idea is a good one, although there are one or two conditions that are not of the best.

The promoter of the contest states that The promoter of the contest states that the winner will get a trophy and he must be prepared to delend that trophy twice a year if challenged. This is also all right, but another Canadian makes the distance five miles. That is just where the mistake is unde. Five miles is too far for a championship course. It gives the very powerful men a decided advantage. It has been the custom here for years to deem three miles the championship distance. While that distance may have been a little short, to add two miles to it is going much too far. distance may have been a little short, to add two miles to it is going much too far.

I suppose the trophy and stakes will be rowed for in heats on the first occasion. That means that the very best rower may not win. I say "may not" because there are niways more or less chances to run in heat races. But the question must be settled and the heat system is perhaps just as good as any to settle it. The prospect for a good race is a bright one.

The Champion Pleace Shot.

The Champion Pigeon Shots. One of the interesting sporting events of the week has been the shooting contest be-tween Mesrs. Fulford and Elliott. They shot off their third match here Thursday and to say the least there was not the attendance of spectators that the contest warranted. Fulford and Elliott are great shots and are gentlemen every inch of them. and are gentlemen every incli of them, and of course have good reasons for so arguing. I wouldn't be prepared to argue that he is not.

But the fact that a man like Goddard claims the title of champion of the United States is not much credit to us.

Speaking of the heavy-weight champion-

They were taken direct from the cars to the grounds and shot at. As a result many of the birds were poor ones. Some of course were good and difficult to kill. What I contend is this: That in big matches such as those between Fultord and Elliott, local gentlemen should be commissioned weeks before hand to secure the pigeons and take. before hand to secure the pigeons and take, care of them for a week or two and have them in the very best of condition. Every true sportsman likes to see a good lively bird come from the trap.

The matches ought to impart a renewed interest to shooting. As a sport it has not been very prominent of late. Pitt-burgers particularly have been somewhat slow for a time. There are a large number of good shots here, and when once they get a-coing

shots here, and when once they get a going they are very hard to beat.

AMATEUR ATHLETES

Proposed Consolidation of the Three Fast End Clubs.

Local and Chicago Teams. CONTESTS AMATEUR SWIMMING

PROSPECTS OF THE YALE CREW.

To-Morrow's Football Game Between the

Since it was first organized the P. A. C. has been remarkable for its hustling qualities. The energy displayed by its members in getting a building was great. Some of the most discouraging difficulties were overcome, and as a result the P. A. C. has a handsome building of its own. But it is not large enough now, and there is a movement on foot to have a larger building, and an offer has been made to the P. A. C. that is very, very tempting.

The other day a member of the P. A. C. made the following statement to the writer: 'It is quite true that we have been offered a building, and I will tell you all about it. It has been suggested that the Linden, Bellefield and our club consolidate and make one big club. The members of the Linden Club I am told are willing to furnish the land, erect the building and call the new organization the Pittsburg Athletic Club. That certainly is an offer worthy the name. I cannot tell what will be done with it. Many of our members are in favor of the plan, and some are opposed to it. I cannot tell just now what will be done, but person-ally I am in favor of the scheme. We cannot lose anything, and we have much to gain. We will be compelled to have a larger building than we now have. If we accent the Linden Club's offer we will get a wealthy membership."

It is understood that the strongest efforts will be made to have the foregoing scheme adopted. One of the great objects is to have a wealthy organization in the East End that will be strong enough to compete against the Three A.'s as far as money is



John O'Brien, Captain

concerned. The Three A.'s are a wealthy lot, but if the three East End clubs consoli-date they will be one of the strongest clubs

in the country.

Whatever may be the result of the agitation it is safe to say that the P. A. C. means to get stronger and stronger. The desire ong its members to have a larger building is almost unanimous and that means that a larger building will be forthcoming.

Much can be said against the consolidation plan, and, of course, much can be said in its favor. There are many members in the Linden and Bellefield clubs who are not enthusiastic athletes: indeed, they are members of the clubs more for social enjouments than for athletic exercises. It might be that this element and the young and active athletes could not agree.

Everything is looking well for the big Rugby football game to-morrow week. The Princeton and Yale boys have been practicular airce they came home. Their control with the came home, they came home. Their control was to be an enthusiastic to the control was to be an enthusiastic to the control was to be an enthusiastic to the control was to the control wa team is almost definitely arranged. It will be a good one and it must needs be if victory is wanted. Manager Kountz will have a strong team on the field to represent the Three A's.

There have been many rumors current relative to what Captain Blunt of the Three A's team is going to do next year. It is gratifying to know that he has definitely made up his mind up to remain with the Three A's another year. This is well for the team, as he is an able man and an excellent coach and instructor. . . .

Probably no body of men were ever so unfortunate as have been the Three A's relative to their efforts to secure a building for a club house. They have been unfortunate in the truest sense of the word. They are, however, more hopeful than ever. An

official of the club said yesterday: "We will have a club house soon just as sure as we live. We mean to have one and



that is all there is about it. Several times we have almost had a building secured and just when we thought everything all right, something loomed up to spoil our deal. But we are on the right way this time. We are bound to have a club house. Our member ship is getting very big."

As far as the development of athletes is concerned Pittsburg is comparatively new in the business. Considering the short fornia, has been felled, and a part of it is length of time that thorough athletic clubs have been in existence here, Pittsburg has New York City, which contains the most done very well in producing good material and shaping that material in very good performers. But these efforts have been mostly in the line of "outdoor" performers. We have not figured so well in indoor contests, simply because sufficient attention has not been paid to this branch of business. The local clubs ought to pay more attention to the indoor contests, because it is easy to see that every year contests of this kind are ing more and more popular.

In every large city there are indoor ath-letic competitions now on a very large scale. Victories and prizes gained at them are just as important as those won in the open air in summer time; The A. A. U. is also taking more interest in the contests in question than ever before. So that everything considered, there is more inducement now for clubs to have representatives at leading indoor competitions than ever before.

In the athletic clubs in and about Pittsburg there are at least 2,000 members. That it, he would be a more famous historian means that this number of people are pre-

pared to aid in the development of talent that may belong to their respective clubs. The annual contests of the A. A. U., which by the way are to be held in Philadelphia this season, offer a fine field for young talent, but it is a fact that Pittaburg will not be strongly represented, if at all. This ought in These Glad Holidays.

not to be, because there is material in this city that is just as promising in some respects as any young athletic material in the country. Take boxing for instance. There are not in any city more promising amateur boxers than the brothers Fleming. Why local clubs do not force these two already very good performers to the front seems strange. It is safe to say that there will be worse boxers at Philadelphia than the younger Fleming.
What is evidently needed is more indoor

contests here and on a larger scale than heretofore attempted. It may also not be out of place to suggest that it would pay the clubs to get hold of one or two real and intelligent boxing instructors. Of course the above is stated mindful of the fact that the P. A. C. intends to send

probably three entries to the A. A. U. competitions. But there ought to be more than three entries from this city. The Three A.'s may send their wrestler, Elliott, who, by the way, is a good one. In instances of this kind young clubs should not be alraid of deleat.

During the week just ended there has been more or less talk concerning the baseball team of the P. A. C. next season. Some people have been arguing that the team ought to be independent and an amateur organization in fact. Others have been claiming that the team should as usual remain in the County League. Much can be said on both sides.

A prominent member of the P. A. C., speaking on the foregoing the other day, said: "I am an out and out supporter of the notion of having an independent baseball team next season. I maintain that an in- people wish. In this tremendous throng all dependent team will make more money than being in the County League. If our team remains independent we can make dates with some of the best amateur teams in the country. There will be special attractions, and as such will have better results financially than all the County League games | sion of the street car passenger's face. Perput together.
"But my greatest objection to our team

remaining in the County League is the questionable unture of that league as an amateur organization. Personally I hold that the County League is not a bona fide amateur organization. I have argued this for a long time. Some of the best authorities on amateurism agree with me. At any rate it is questionable and on that account we ought to keep clear of it."

The following communication was received at this office the other day. It ex-

plains itself and needs no comment: During the year nearly ended cricket playing has been anything but a success. In my way of thinking there have been several causes for this, but the chief one has been the lack of energy and absence of good bunness management on the part of those who have presumed to run the sport here. But it may be useless to refer to the unpleasant part. What I want to draw attention to is the immediate toture.

part. What I want to draw attention to is the immediate future.

Next year will likely be a busy one for cricket in this country. There will be more than one foreign team here and matches will be played all over the country. What should be done is to have a meeting of persons interested in cricket early next month and make a start to adopt plans for the season when it comes. There is nothing to prevent Mr. Schwartz from convening such a meeting. There are many good workers if they were once roused up, and it about a half-dozen earnest aumirers of the historic game would only bestir themselves somegame would only bestir themselves some-thing could be done toward getting together a good cricket team for Pittsburg for next season. The sooner such a meeting is held

What promises to be one of the most interesting football contests that has been seen here for a long time is underlined for to-morrow at Exposition Park. It is a contest between the local and Chango associa-tion football teams. These teams have met before, and the people who saw the last con-test between the teams have not forgotten it. It was a great and an exciting one. Both teams have been strengthened since last

other one man. His picture appears in this department to-day. He is an enthusiastic football player and patron. While he has never been in the first rank absolutely as a player he has ever been one of the hardest workers for a club or a team. He is only 31 years, and one of the most respected members of the football internity of Western Pennsylvania. Few people know better than Mr. Matthews how to judge a good football player, and that is the reason he has seen. locuali player, and that is the reason he has such a good lot of kickers on his team. He is a native of Birmingham, England, and, therefore, has been reared among the best kind of association football players. Secretary Matthews is in all respects a gentleman, and has the respect of all who know him,

The other picture which annears in this department is that of John O'Brien, captain of the local association football team. He is a small man, only weighing about 180 is a small man, only weighing about 180 pounds, but he is remarkably fast and clever with the hall, his passing tactics are a treat to witness, always feeding his men accurately. His election to the captainey of the local club was unanimous. Previous to his coming to America he played with the famous Lancashire club, Ardwick, during the seasons of 1890 and '91, they at that time rinning, the Manchaster cur. He also the seasons of 1890 and '91, they at that time winning the Manchester cup. He also represented Lancashire in their great competition arainst Staffordshire, winning this noted game by a score of 6 goals to 1. It is a notable feature that three of these goals were scored by him against the famous Goalkeeper Rowley, of the Stoke, Stofforshire, club. Altogether, the local club feels sure that their new captain will lead them to victory to-morrow when they meet them to victory to-morrow when they meet the Chicago club, champions of the West.

The Pittsburg Amateur Swimming Asso elation will on next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Natatorium hold the first of a o'clock at the Natatorium hold the first of a series of monthly handicaps. The distance is two lengths of the pool or 45 yards. The entries and handicaps are as follows: First heat—J. T. Taylor, scratch: J. Brady, 4 seconds: J. Payton, 4 seconds; Fred Holi-man 6 seconds.

seconds: J. Payton, secondar, read and nan, 6 second heat—George Baker 1 second and Charles Wenskowsky, each 2 seconds; Charles Mertz, 4 seconds; George Royal, 8 aconds.
Third heat—Bert Price, 2 seconds: W. Schanwecker, 3 seconds: R. B. Montgomery, seconds: C. H. Gressens, 6 seconds; H. M.

Hay, 8 seconds.

Assisted by the more prominent members of the P. A. S. A., Profs. Joseph McEwan and James Fox will give exhibitions in aquatic feats, such as chainfoating, high diving, different strokes, etc.

The performance will close with that exciting game waterpolo which will be played by seven men on each side under the captaincy of J. T. Taylor and Bert Price. Full swimming costumes will be worn by the contestants in all events and the public, ladies, especially are invited.

## FALL OF A FAMOUS TREE.

It Grew in Ca'ifornia and Was Called After the Only Mark Twain.

Harper's Young People. 1 Mark Twain, one of the largest and most famous of the giant sequointrees of Calinow at the Museum of Natural History in complete collection of American woods in

existence. This monarch of the forest was somewhat more than 300 feet tall; that is, it lifted its topmost branches about as high as the statue of Diana on the Madison Square tower in New York, and the trunk was 30 feet in diaemter. It was not a good tree to climb, for the lowest branches were 200 feet above the ground, and when the big trunk fell it shook the earth for some distance around. In an even climate like that of California a tree forms a new ring every year, and the most careful estimates place the age of Mark Twain at 2,500 years; that is, ne was 600 years old at the birth of Christ, and was a good-sized tree when Alexander the Great conquered the world.

Very few trees are still living that were sanlings when the world was 2500 years. There is a study of character in that little saplings when the world was 2,500 years younger than it is now, and it old Mark Twain could tell the story of America for the 20 centuries before Columbus discovered

harder the fall the more amusement it would create.

Yes, the street cars are full of character

studies. There is the young lady who will not accept the slightly limited space beside you, which has been made by shoving your neighbor. She might "muss" her draperies. That would never do. You are expected under the circumstances to give up A Critical Pittsburger's Experience

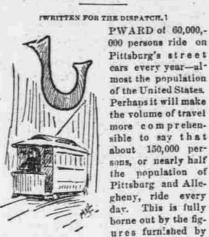
your seat. Perhaps you have worked hard all day and are very tired, but that makes TRYING TO READ A NEWSPAPER

With a lady Ftanding on the (ther Side of tend to her dress if need be.

But the ladies are not usually open to

AMOUNT OF TRAVEL AND THE DANGER

the Printed Tages.



000 persons ride on Pittsburg's street ears every year-ulmost the population i of the United States. Perhaps it will make the volume of travel more comprehen- the time Twentieth street was reached the sible to say that car was simply packed. Daily travelers say about 150,000 persons, or nearly half the population of Pittsburg and Allegheny, ride every day. This is fully borne out by the fig- tor reaches the center of the car someone ures furnished by

the different companies. From early morn until after midnight a constant stream of "travelers" pour into or out of the central portion of the city, and even in "the wee sma' hours avant the twa" there is a demand for cars, a demand that is met in a sort of a way by some of the roads, but not nearly as well as the sorts of life and character are to be observed. There is no place on earth like the street car for the study of either. Physiognomists have never yet explained the peculiar expression that seems to take posseshaps it is an error to limit the peculiarity to the face alone, for it extends to the attitude, face and inclination of the body. But, there is nothing so marked as the facial expression. It is a wearied, vapid look, seemingly directed at somebody or something, usually in the car, but, which really sees nothing. A Study in Physiognomy.

You would swear that commercial looking man seated in the middle of the car was counting the golden links in the necklace of the passenger is unloaded properly. As the stylish lady not quite opposite, and yet tast as the people get off the cars others are taken on. There is no let up in the gain until the loop at East Liberty comes in



a good student of physiognomy would say that the gentleman's mind was really far away, perhaps considering the probability of a rise in stocks or bonds. His body rests upright against the back of the seat, porting somewhat loosely a head tilted slightly on one side as if the cranium had shitted its cargo. Some people preserve this poise so steadfastly that one feels like giving the owner of the head a good jolt, to restore the equilibrium of the ballast, ere it becomes fixed in the one position. So much for the street car face, now for

There are some people who would never think of riding if they could reach their destination in a 15 or 20 minute walk, notwithstanding the saving of time and shoe leather which patronizing the cars would insure. It is a mistaken economical notion that actuates some, while others give as a reason the exercise which such a walk provides. Of course there are a few who have not the nickel requisite, but they are not being considered, for it is not altogether certain that they would ride if they had. Again there are others who lose no oppor-tunity of riding, even if they have only two or three squares to go. It is a great saving of time in a busy life. A more select few persist in riding short distances for neither reason. Opinions concerning the latter class are best reserved.

An Every Day Experience. I entered a Citizens' traction car at the corner of Seventh street and Liberty avenue one day last week. Four ladies and a small boy sat together on one side of the car near the door. A messenger youth was in one, and a young man in the other far corner. Both were evidently travelers of experience and knew where to go for com-The several Allegheny lines carry be-tween them nearly, if not quite, 20,000,000 passengers yearly. It is almost a certainty that at least 8,000,000 of these are pretty

As I entered the conductor assisted me forward with a good prod between the shoulders. Why does he do that? Is it a conductor's prerogative? There is usually no necessity for it, and it is sometimes made so emphatic that under other circumstances the passenger would have unquestioned cause for action in assault and battery. Women are not exempt. They come in for that battering-ram process as well as

the men.
I seated myself in the first corner and pulled out a paper. Two or three squares and the rear end of the car was filled with passengers, although there was plenty of oom up front

Enter, a strongly built young lady. She just gets inside the car and stands there, notwithstanding the conductor's vigorous prodding. Does she see the vacant places n the forward end of the car? Of course she does, but she is not going there. She intends disturbing somebody nearer the door. All this I note as I shrink lower into the corner and endeavor to hide behind my paper. I reason that she is able-bodied

The Power That Empties a Seat. But then the people in the car begin to eye me. I do not see them, but feel each separate orb fixed upon me. The majority think I am right, but that makes me all th more worthy of study. At last I can stand it no longer. Every one of the 16 pairs of eyes in the car seems to be burning holes in the paper to get at me, to say nothing of the glances of the able-bodied young lady. Her looks can be feit. At last I am crushing my paper together and offering my seat the railroad handling 150,000 passengers daily, on which the percentage of accident. with a meaningless "um-um-um,"

incident. If it had befallen a woman, young or old, the young man would have been all sympathy, and done everything in his nower to render assis ance, but, being a man, my nose might have struck the floor with suf-ficient emphasis to crack a board, and the UPON THE CHARTIERS.

Facts About the First White People Who Came to This Section.

THEIR NAMES STILL FAMILIAP.

no difference; you must always be courteous to women. Your courtesy must even ex-A I cme Where Washington and /aron Burr Were Entertained. criticism, God bless them. Only some are.

THE HISTORIC CHAIN INCOMPLETE

sees a space of about four inches, all told, between two passengers, and forthwith endeavors to sit in it. People wonder at the absurdity of it. He doesn't. He knows what he is doing. Inside of, say five squares, [WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.: The Chartlers valley enjoys the distinction of having been the first settled portion of Allegheny and Washington counties. he will have a good seat and his neighbor will have the four inches. A judicious combination of shuffling and crowding will Long before the aborigines had let go their hold on Western Pennsylvania a number of settlements were made by the whites along deut of human nature will say to himself: There is a man who will make his way in this valley. The first permanent white settler was James McKec. His lands were at the mouth of the creek, and his name has become a fixture, being opgraved in the rocks at the mouth of the creek, McKee's Rocks.

man who is able to secure a seat is for-tunate. I had the common luck. I stood James McKee, who was a Scotch-Irishman, located on the Chartiers creek in the most of the way. Every quarter of a mile or so the conducter squeezed through to year 1763. A year after his brother, Alexander McKee, joined him, and there the pick up a fugitive fare or two. This is a beautiful system. About the time conductwo brothers spent the remainder of their days. At the time the McKees planted themselves in the valley of Chartiers, the Indians having full sway, the pioneers adopted in a great measure the habits and customs of the natives, and were by them received into fellowship and protected. Otherwise they must have gone to the stake, since there were frequent massacres of white settlers by the Indians in this vieinity 30 years and more a'ter the McKees had planted themselves on the Chartiera.

Two More Brothers on the Creek. The next on the list of white settlers on the creek were John and James Bell, who sattled there in 1768. The Bell settlement was near North Mansfield. Up to this time no legal titles had been issued to settlers. The only title which these pioneers had to heir land was from tomahawk claims. In colonial times a large part of Western Pennsylvania was claimed by Virginia, and was a part of the outlying wilderness of what was then Augusta county. The first patents of land in this section were issued rom the land office of Richmond in 1769 When the lands were opened to the public there were 3,500 claimants for land in the Chartiers, Monongahela and Redstone val-

The first patent granted by the Richmond land office was to William Preston and the patent covered a large tract, embracing the lands now occupied by the Morganza Re-form School. The McClelland farm, on the heights to the east of Morganza, was the first patented in the Chartiers valley. It is fully demonstrated that the patentee chose wisely since the McClellands by universal consent are in possession of one of the finest stock farms of Washington county. Five Brothers in a Bunch,

Adjoining the Preston trac: five brothers by the name of White planted themselves, and were industriously seeking to keep the wolf from their doors, at the outbreak of the Revolution. In the year 1776 Rev. Mcof view, is not bettered a particle. There was the same expression of face, the same glaring into space, the fixed look at something remote and unfathomable, that Van-Millen, an ardent young Presbyterian mis-sionary, was sent out by the Presbytery of Carlisle to look after the spiritual interests of the settlers of the Chartiers valley. From 1776 until his death in 1832 Dr. McMillen was the recognized Presbyterian Bishop of the valley. He, in conjunction with John Canon, somewhere in the last decade of the eighteenth century, founded the Jefferson Academy in Canonsburg, an academy which, by processes of evolution, has developed into Washington and Jefferson Col-

As evidence of Cannonsburg's important position as a center of learning and religion a century ago the First United Presbyterian somebody throws up the sponge. Of course there are exceptions to the rule, and, joy be in the telling of it, one entered this self-Church, of Pittsburg, was an offshoot from the Seceder Church, of that place. The Seceders, as they were designated in those same car. She was dessed in a very dark blue dress. The simple, flowing lines were their bishop around the headwaters of the Chartiers one Matthew Henderson, who was on the field prior to the Revolution. Father Henderson in his missionary tours found a few families of like faith around Fort Pitt and here established a missionary station. Founding of the First U. P. Church.

The station at Pittsburg developed into a church in the year 1802, and is now the First U. P. Church, over which Dr. Will-iam J. Reed presides so success ully. The writer remembers well the original elder of this church, who, for a number of years tions. A home after his settlement in Pittsburg, went regularly to Canonsburg for his gospel teaching. Among the most historic places of the

seats for everybody until the young lady came in. She stopped right in front of me. With a sigh I began to fold up my paper. There was no balm in Gilead or seats in a Chartiers Vailey is the section around Woodville. There is the oldest burying ground of the country. Travelers along the old Washington pine cannot fail to notice the little old Episcopal Church and burying ground near where the pike crosses the creek at Woodville. There many of the rude forefathers of the bamlet sleep. A soldier of the Forbes army, by the name of Lee, was attracted to this spot when here to recover Fort Duquesne from the hands of the French and Indians in 1758.

A few years after, this soldier returned to make himself a home in the Chartiers Valley. His name is a familiar one on the headstones of that old graveyard. There was buried in 1854 the first white person orn in the ChartiersValley-a daughter of the pioneer Lee. On Boner's Hill, above odville, was the home of Neville, where the rebels met with their disastrous defeat in the Whisky Insurrection.

Where Washington Was a Guest. A half mile below Morganza is the oldest little children, she heard behind her the house in the valley, the one time home of Colonel Morgan. Colonel Morgan was there at home, in revolutionary times. At barbed wire, close and high. Alone she his home Washington was conserved wire, close and high. his home Washington was entertained, and there Aaron Burr spent some days endeav-babies! oring to gain a follower in his mad effort to

establish a Southwestern Republic. On a recent visit to the old Morgan homestead I was surprised to find how little the then turned to face the infuriated animal, neighbors know of the fact that within Standing like a rock until its lowered those walls the founders of the American Republic had enjoyed the hospitalities of the ringers in the ring in its nose and led the original proprietor.

looking young lady. Some come from the shops, others from the factories, offices, and every place in which women are employed. There are private secretaries, typewriters, dressmakers, milliners, salesladies, and a sprinkling of dainty ladies whose circum-stances do not require their going forth to toil. And above these twin rows of Another point of historic interest in the Chartiers Valley is that beautiful garden spot just this side of the spot where the Steubenville pike crosses the creek. There prettiness a row of men, of all classes and conditions, hang by the straps, each separate individual, perhaps, was located Hand's Hospital, a two-story leg building, which disappeared within a few years. This I write with some hesita-tion, since Isaac Craig, who is authority in wondering why those girls can retain such a fixed expression of vacuity with so much manly beauty near at hand. There are a few who do not care a drachma, if there Allegheny county history, denies that i was used as a hospital for the soldiers of Fort Pitt when Fort Pitt was in command was not a pretty face in the car, if they of General Hand. could only find a place to sit down and rest, but of this class there are few, Sick Soldiers From Fort Pitt.

Certain it is that General Hand's name

lingers about the spot. It may be a myth, but if so, it is a myth which was fully accepted in my boyhood days that, to the banks of the Chartiers sick soldiers were conveyed from Fort Pitt, where they were tended and nursed a century and more ago. The name of Hand was one day prominen in this city. It was the name by which Ninth street was known for three-quarters of a century after Pattsburg was laid out. I have only touched at a few important facts in the history of the Chartiers Valley. That valley furnishes a wide field for the researches of the antiquarian, and it is fondly hoped that its complete history will JOHN H. YOUNG.

vet be written. The Influence of the Weather.

of speedy motive power? Besides, the fact remains that railroads traverse thinly set-There is a rich field of study for some one in the investigation of the influence of the tled districts for the most part, while street cars have to "hustle" through streets weather upon the feelings of people. A crowd on a bright, clear day is always a buoyant and merry one. Everybody is an ontimist. The mental conditious are practically the same in a heavy storm, be it rain or snow. But when it is half between rain and fair weather, when it is dull and damp and muggy, every person one meets seems to be a follower of Schopenhauer.

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